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SUBJECT: Daily SitRep -- Dozier Kidnapping

1. Although there is no evidence as yet to connect the two incidents, the possibility that today's assassination in Paris of U.S. Assistant Military Attache Lt. Col. Charles Ray may be connected with the Gen. Dozier incident cannot be ruled out.

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2. On 16 January the kidnappers of General Dozier issued their fourth communique. The message made only one reference to General Dozier, stating that the "trial of NATO with the capture of the Yankee pig Dozier is simply one part of an overall revolutionary battle." The message contains a specific threat to journalists who serve "bourgeois imperialist information media". No demands for the release of Dozier are included in the communique.

3. On 16 January Italian police arrested five terrorist suspects in Biella during their search for General Dozier and discovered a large cache of explosives, including 1,000 sticks of gelignite and over 750 detonators.

4. Italian investigating Judge Ferdinando Imposimato on 15 January created a sensation by stating that the Soviet KGB and Libya were providing the Red Brigades and other urban guerrillas terrorist groups with weapons and propaganda support. The judge bases his allegations on statements now being made by imprisoned Italian terrorists who are cooperating with the police. Secretary of State Haig has, via State's Intelligence and Research Office, requested CIA [] comment on the judge's statement. We have concluded that some of the Judge's statements are inaccurate and may be politically motivated; we lack enough information to comment on the accuracy of others. Note: This issue is the subject of a standing intelligence collection requirement--worldwide.

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